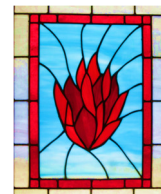


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Baptisms are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for an appointment.**Marriage Preparation:** Contact Fr. Bill at least six months prior to setting wedding date.**Reconciliation:** Fridays 4:15 to 5:00 pm & Saturdays 4:15 to 5:00 pm, or anytime by appointment.**Meditation for the Sixth Sunday of Easter****“It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours too.” Acts 15:28**

Two weeks from today, we will celebrate Pentecost. We will have the possibility of receiving in a new way the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, Whom the Father will send in Jesus’ name. The Spirit plans to instruct us in everything and remind us of all that Jesus told us. This instructing and reminding from the Spirit, if discerned and heeded, will have such an effect on our lives that our decisions will also be the decisions of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, our decisions will be correct, life-changing, life-giving, miraculously wise, and fruitful for God’s kingdom.

Some of us may have messed up our marriages, finances, employment, family life, and lifestyle by a series of bad decisions. The way out of this situation is to make good decisions by the power of the Spirit. Therefore, we must receive the Holy Spirit. We must go into the upper room of prayer, repentance, and conversion. There we will receive the Spirit, Who will change our lives, hearts, minds, and decisions.

Prayer: *Father, may I be able to hear and discern what the Spirit wishes to tell me.*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. May 27, 8:00 am †Richard Senftner [Rdr: Audrey]

Tues. May 28, 5:30 pm †Jim Rabenberg [Rdr: Theresa]

No Mass Wed - Friday *Fr Bill attending ordinations*

Sat. June 1, 5:30 pm †Lorissa Dietterle

Sun. June 2, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. June 2, 10:00am †Richard Blankartz

Food Pantry May: Bathroom Tissue**Sunday, May 19 Offering = \$2,606****Parish Office** closed this Monday**No Eucharistic Adoration** this Friday.**The 23rd Annual “Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournaments”:****Monday June 10**, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area.

Proceeds go toward seminarian education. To register or purchase a raffle ticket, call the Catholic Community Foundation at 988-3765.

New Parish App Coming Soon!

In the coming weeks St. Joseph will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Joseph and better engaging the New Evangelization. Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Steve Erdmann, Terry Lundberg, Marge Mertz, Lolis Linde, Steve Russell, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Joyce Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Jerry Poe, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Sr. Deanna Butler, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Gwen Collins, Heath Huberg, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Lisa Anderson.

**A Memorial Day Reflection:**

One reason why we human beings are willing to fight and die for freedom is because the need for freedom is imprinted onto our very nature. By virtue of our ability to reason and our free will, we are impelled to seek truth, especially religious truth. Our Creator instilled this drive within us, so that we would seek Him, for He is truth. And having found truth, we are obligated to live it to the best of our ability.

But we cannot satisfy this obligation unless we are free from coercion. Consequently, it is the obligation of the state to ensure that its citizens are free to exercise their religious freedom. However, if the state fails in its obligation, or is attacked by another state, then, at some point, human beings will rightly and necessarily fight and die for true freedom.

This Memorial Day Catholics rightly honor our fallen brothers and sisters, those who have died so that we may continue to choose freedom. But we should also remember our Church, who has defended the dignity and freedom of the human person for over two-thousand years.

Beloved: A Women’s Conference:

Beloved - A Women’s Conference is an opportunity for women to be refreshed and renewed in the Father’s Love. Experience Jennifer Fulwiler, Barbara Heil, and local favorite Bobbi Meyer Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Go to www.sfcatholic.org/womensconference to register!

Discipleship Camp:

Spots are filling up for our high school and junior high D-Camps! The 2019 camp dates are June 24-27 (High School Session 1), July 7-10 (High School Session 2), and July 11-14 (Junior High Session). There will be talks about growing in faith, epic all-camp Olympic games and competitions, the chance to go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and time to bond with new friends! Register online: www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

St. Joseph Parish is in need of establishing a Parish Pastoral Council.

To begin to prepare please read the following summary of the Diocesan Guidelines for a Parish Pastoral Council. Let's learn together so we can lead together.

The council is properly referred to as a Parish Pastoral Council. It is distinct from a finance council.

The parish pastoral council is established to:

- represent the voice of the parish community to the pastor in matters affecting the life and ministry of the community.
- help the pastor identify pastoral needs in the parish.
- help the pastor plan pastoral programs and improve pastoral services, evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs and services with a view to their improvement, or, at times, their substitution or termination.
- The parish pastoral council has a consultative vote.
- The parish pastoral council is a primary instrument for laity to cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ.

Council members especially fulfill their role in pastoral activity by:

- forming themselves together as a community of faith through regular prayer and reflection at meetings;
- familiarizing themselves with diocesan policies and directives that will guide their discernment on parish matters;
- developing and maintaining a parish mission statement;
- assisting the pastor in prayerfully discerning and identifying needs in the parish;
- serving as a consultative body to the pastor in parish pastoral matters;
- establishing clear long-range and short-range goals based on the mission statement;
- recommending policies and programs by which the parish goals can be implemented...;
- identifying and calling forth the gifts and talents of the members of the parish community;
- ensuring every apostolic activity within the parish work toward its mission...;
- encouraging good relationship among all members of the parish...with the diocesan Bishop and his staff...;
- involving as many people as possible in the ministries and work of the parish;
- providing programs that make those in need feel welcome;
- sustaining parents and spouse in their duties and vocation, and fostering Christian growth in families;
- providing education and enrichment programs for all ages....

My Marriage and the Church:

Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a "dispensation from canonical form," Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

Why Marry Catholic?

Catholic Marriage is unique among other marital relationships because it is a sacrament that makes Christ present in our world. The relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship of Jesus Christ for his people. In the Catholic tradition, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are ambassadors of God's love, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive.

The vows exchanged by the couple are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other, and, together, embrace Jesus as their partner. Through their union with Christ they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Benefits of Catholic Marriage

One of the many benefits of a sacramental marriage is the power of God's grace, which helps couples keep their commitment and find happiness together. Social scientists are finding that couples who recognize God's presence in their relationship experience more satisfaction and are more likely to achieve lifelong marriage.

All in all, couples who choose to bring their marriage into the Church receive many gifts – peace of heart, oneness with the Church, the fullness of the sacraments, and God's special blessing upon their marriage.

Three Things that Make Marriage Valid in the Church

Three things need to be in place for a true (valid) marriage: capacity, consent, and canonical form. A valid Catholic marriage comes into existence when a man and woman who are capable, give consent to a true marriage, including all the essential properties of marriage, and exchange this consent in the proper form for Catholic weddings.